

Natural Resources at all. I intend to continue to make the argument that the fight is not over whether Deer Creek Reservoir should be built in Wyoming, but whether a dam should be built at all. Those of us who believe in dams are going to fight for the construction of dams. Those who do not want dams are going to oppose projects like Deer Creek not because of the water issue, but because it is a dam on a creek and they don't think dams should be built nor should the flow of waters be impeded until, in fact, the creek runs dry. It's kind of interesting that today we're milling about, we're talking about spending 2.8 billion, I believe, in this bill and you cannot get the attention of this body unless, of course, someone, somewhere really gets stomped on. It's hard to add money to the budget and justifiably so, but it's amazing that you can't take money out of the budget when for one reason or another there seems to be doubt in the minds of people as to whether or not the money is being well spent. I used to have to put people on the road to work for me and I had to give them expense money. And they said, what are the limitations? I said, spend the money the way you spend your own, that's all. That's the only rule I give you. If you need something and you would spend your own money for it, then spend the company money for it and if you wouldn't spend your own money, don't spend the company money. Ladies and gentlemen, if we were spending our own money here this morning, we would terminate the Deer Creek problem quickly. Senator Wesely would have gotten 48 or 49 votes for his amendment, but as long as we're spending the people's money, it seems irrelevant. Ladies and gentlemen, it is not irrelevant, it may be that I am just speaking here to hear myself talk, I don't think so. I think the time will come when you're going to realize that there is a bottom to the bucket and the bucket is dry. I'm going to find out if anyone wants to speak on this. I'm going to find out what Senator Moore has to say about it. I do not intend to pursue it very far, I'd drop over dead if he actually supported it and we got the 5 or \$10 million, and that's an offer you can't refuse, Senator Moore. There are those who would like to take you up on that. But I just want to point out again, if you've got to go tit for tat, then you ought to go this route. And if Senator Moore made a mistake when he said it was \$5 million per year that Deer Creek...that Wyoming has, we'll cut it in half, Senator Moore, and just make it 2.5 million a year, but let's go dollar for dollar or else let's try to find some reasonable amount which makes sense to the taxpayers. Thank you.